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Form 10-445  
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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil TOWN Calvert VICINITY Zion STREET NO. Crothers Rd., at Ed Crothers Rd.  ORIGINAL OWNER Isaac England ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER J.A. Crothers PRESENT USE dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY CE-207	
		2. NAME "Isaac England House"  DATE OR PERIOD early 19th century STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no			
<p>The Isaac England House is a two story brick structure of federal design with a two story wing on the north side of the building. His initials appear on the west gable end in glazed brick, a rather late carry-over. The main portion of the house is three bays long; the facade is laid in Flemish bond with a one brick string course beneath the second story windows. A brick chimney is contained within each gable; a new flue has been added on the outside of the east gable. Unusual window frames have reeding with plain corner blocks. They have 6/6 sash, paneled and louvered shutters and flat brick arches. The "A" roof is covered with slate. On the north side the wing was built, at the same time as the main portion and now has a frame lean-to on its north side. The property is used as a part-time home and is in very good condition.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior good			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div>          6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)       </div> <div>         7. PHOTOGRAPH 3 - See no. 4305          Color 4305       </div> </div>			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  Michael Bourne Maryland Historical Trust  DATE OF RECORD	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTO APHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

Form of Survey  
Listed  
Date entered

1. Name

historic England, Isaac, house

and or common

2. Location

street & number South side of England Creamery Road, just east of its intersection with Crothers Road, 1 mile west of Zion not for publication

city, town Zion X vicinity of Calvert congressional district First

state Maryland code 24 county Cecil code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	X agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other: -

4. Owner of Property

name James and Julia Crothers

street & number 1000 England Creamery Road

city, town Rising Sun X vicinity of state Maryland 21921

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of the Circuit Court

street & number Cecil County Courthouse

city, town Elkton state Maryland - 21921

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Isaac England house, circa 1800-1825,, is located on England Creamery Road about a mile south of the town of Calvert. The brick structure rests on a small rise of land with the main facade facing south.

The 2½-story central hall plan house is three bays across by one room deep. A contemporary two-story brick ell extends to the north of the main block. The entire structure rests on an uncoursed stone foundation and is covered with a medium sloped slate roof. In 1976 a frame two-story addition was attached to the north gable end of the ell. It was designed by architect James T. Wollon, Jr.

The south (main) facade is laid in Flemish bond with a single string belt course beneath the second story windows. The fenestration is symmetrical with the first floor windows containing 9/6 sash and the second floor 6/6. The surrounds on doors and windows are reeded with plain corner blocks. Louvered shutters are found on both first and second story windows. The entrance is located in the central bay. The door has six raised panels with inset moldings and a three-light transom. A boxed cornice extends across the main facade with a bed molding below. During renovations in the 1940s a late 19th century shed-roofed porch was removed from the front of the house and a one-bay covered stoop substituted.

The west facade is laid in common bond, one row of headers for every five rows of stretchers. Isaac England's initials appear in a glazed header pattern on the west facade. The execution of the letters is very irregular and probably due to an inexperienced craftsman who was not totally familiar with the primarily 18th and early 19th century practice of decorating the gable ends with glazed headers. Sash windows are found on both floors in the eastern bay. The four-pane attic windows flank the interior end chimney pile. Plain barge boards close the end gables.

The east gable of the main block is an unadorned common bond brick wall with a 20th century exterior chimney flue. The same four-pane attic window flanks the chimney pile.

The two-story, circa 1800-1825 brick ell section is connected on a perpendicular axis to the north side of the east wall. It is two bays across by one room deep. The walls are laid in common bond. Door openings are found in the southern bay of each first floor side wall. Six-over-six sash windows occupy the northern bays, as well as the second floor openings. An interior end chimney rises from the north gable end.

The 1976 addition included a modern kitchen, dining room, bathroom, and stair on the first floor and bedrooms on the second. The frame section rests on a full basement and is sheathed with beaded weatherboard siding. The windows are 6/6 with plain trim. The slate roof is of medium pitch. A single story screened porch extends across the west side, and a glassed porch occupies the first floor of the east side.

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The interior detailing in the main block primarily dates from the 1800-1825 period. The main door opens into a hall with a T-shaped stair that rises to the second floor rooms and to the second floor of the ell. The staircase has a slightly swollen newel post and an oval handrail. The balusters are rectangular, and there are two to each tread. A half-rail rises on the opposite wall to match the baluster. The stringer is plain, and the triangular area below is plastered. Below the second floor landing is a cellar-stair with a six-panel door. The wall opposite the stair has an elaborate chairrail and peg board above it for hanging coats. Spoon handled box locks are found on the six-panel doors with inset moldings.

The east and west rooms have detailing of about the same complexity. The parlor mantels have definite Federal influence, with fluted pilasters and projecting mantel shelf. The ends and central area of the shelf are stepped out and coincide with the projecting tablets in the center of the frieze and at the ends. The central tablet is reeded around the outside edge. Small closets are found around the corners and on the side of the projecting chimney pile. The chairrail is of a different profile than that in the hall.

The west room was probably the dining room due to its connection with the ell section. The mantel is of the same form as that described above with a little variation in the decorative details. The central block has five rows of vertical reeding spaced by blank strips. The pilaster fluting is of a different relief and the chairrail a similar but different profile. A four-door closet occupies the southwestern niche. It has 2-panel doors above and single panel ones below.

The ell is undoubtedly the early kitchen with its large cooking fireplace in the north wall. The simple mantel shelf is a replacement. The second floor joists are exposed and probably were originally since each one has a bead on the lower corners. A winder stair located in the northwest corner of the room has been removed. Two small storage closets are found on the south wall of the room.

The second floor of the main block remains virtually intact. The east bedroom has a simplified mantel and chairrail. The mantel has a rather plain architrave and frieze; vertically fluted end blocks support a molded mantel shelf. The mantel in the west bedroom is of similar design. A small room above the entrance and between the two bedrooms has been converted into a bathroom. The second floor ell room has been remodeled with vertical boards with beaded edges.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #2.

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DESCRIPTION, continued

Acreage Justification

An operating farm no longer occupies the Isaac England property. The surrounding acreage, although owned by the Crothers is rented out to local farmers. A split rail fence borders the immediate yard, drive and land along England Creamery Road. Since the house and farm are now separate operations a nomination of only the immediate acreage is necessary. This includes approximately 6 acres.

# 8. Significance

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Specific dates

Builder Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

## SIGNIFICANCE

The Isaac England house is a virtually unaltered example of a form common during the early 19th century in northeastern Maryland and southeastern Pennsylvania. This form is typified by Georgian floor plan, fenestration, and shape, with Federal interior details. The house has a central hall plan, three-bay front with central entrance, front facade laid in Flemish bond, and initials in glazed headers on the gable end--all of these are features of the Georgian period house in this area. This particular form, without the initials, remained in frequent use here until the mid-19th century. Inside, the mantels and other trim are Federal in style. The woodwork is well executed and exhibits a variety of examples of Federal-period work. The glazed header initials are a late example of a tradition that was fast fading in the early 19th century.

## HISTORY

Isaac England supposedly built this house on the property he received from his father's estate (JS 7/507) around 1812. England farmed the property until 1877 when he died and left the farm to his wife. (Will Book F/27)

. . . I will and direct that the farm whereon I now reside shall not be sold during the lifetime of my said wife, but that the same, while she lives shall remain in the possession of my family, my said wife, to have the whole of the dwelling house thereon during her life for her own exclusive use and benefit, with a right to firewood, and the privilege of keeping one cow, if she should so desire free of expense. . .

Maria England, Isaac's wife, died a few years later, and the farm was sold at public auctions. It was advertised in the Cecil Democrat on February 10, 1883 with 100 acres of land and a "good comfortable brick dwelling, large barn, with all other necessary outbuildings." The farm sold for \$6,500.00 to Isaac H. England, the grandson of Isaac England. The farm has been in the England name off and on since its construction. The property is presently owned by James and Julia Crothers. The property has remained agricultural and retains a very rural atmosphere, although it has lost most of the outbuildings. ~~There are 84 acres with the property, and they should be considered as an integral part of the nomination due to the importance of agriculture in the areas and its associations with the existence and operation of the farm.~~

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Last sentence of this paragraph removed by agreement of ALA & NA office so as to conform with advice given on last page

## 9. Major Historical References

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Cecil County Land Records (as referred to in text).

Cecil County Wills (as referred to in text).

Cecil Democrat, February 10, 1883.

England, Walter C. Joseph England and His Descendants. Carr Publishing Co., Inc., 1975  
pp. 242-244

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6 acres

Quadrangle name Bay View Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #3.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Cecil County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust

date April 27, 1979

street & number Cecil County Courthouse

telephone (301) 398-7568

city or town Elkton

state Maryland 21921

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

     national   X   state      local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*J. M. Smith* 1-7-80

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING at a point on the edge of England Creamery Road and at the intersection with Crothers Road and heading south along Crothers Road and parallel to a split rail fence for about 400 feet to the beginning of drive into property; thence, along said drive and parallel to fence in a southerly direction for about 400' to a turn in both drive and fence, thence, in an easterly direction for 1000 feet to another corner of aforesaid fence; thence, in a northerly direction along fence for 600' to a point along England Creamery Road; thence, west 600' to the place of beginning and containing approximately six acres.



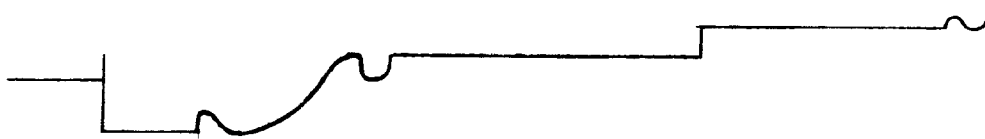
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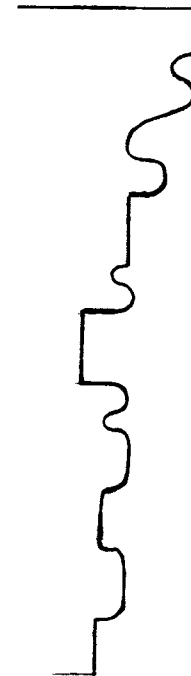
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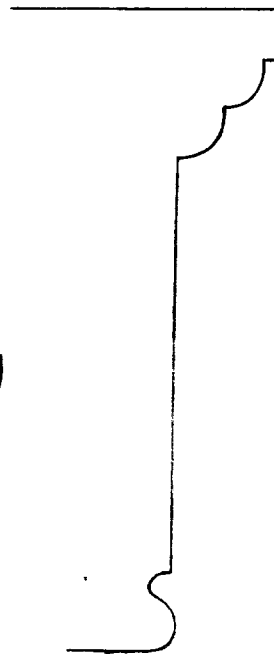
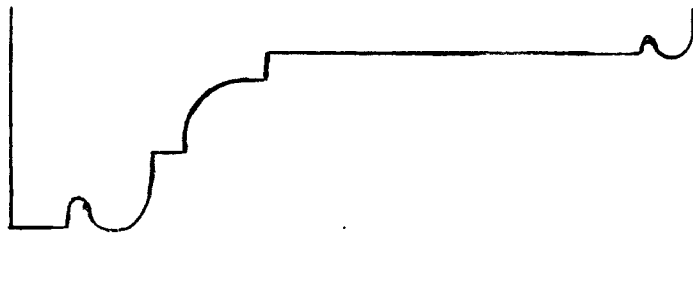
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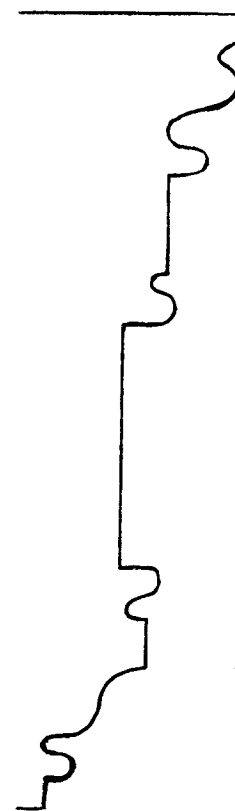
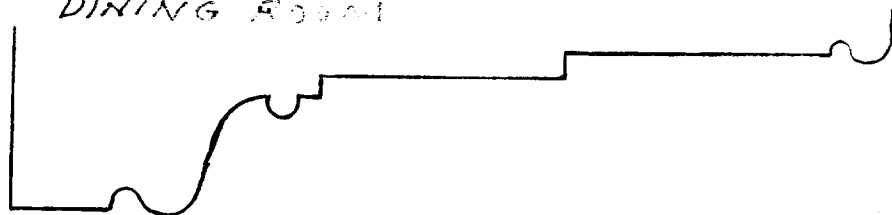
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DOOR MOLDING

CHAIR RAIL

EAST DINING ROOM



FULL SIZE

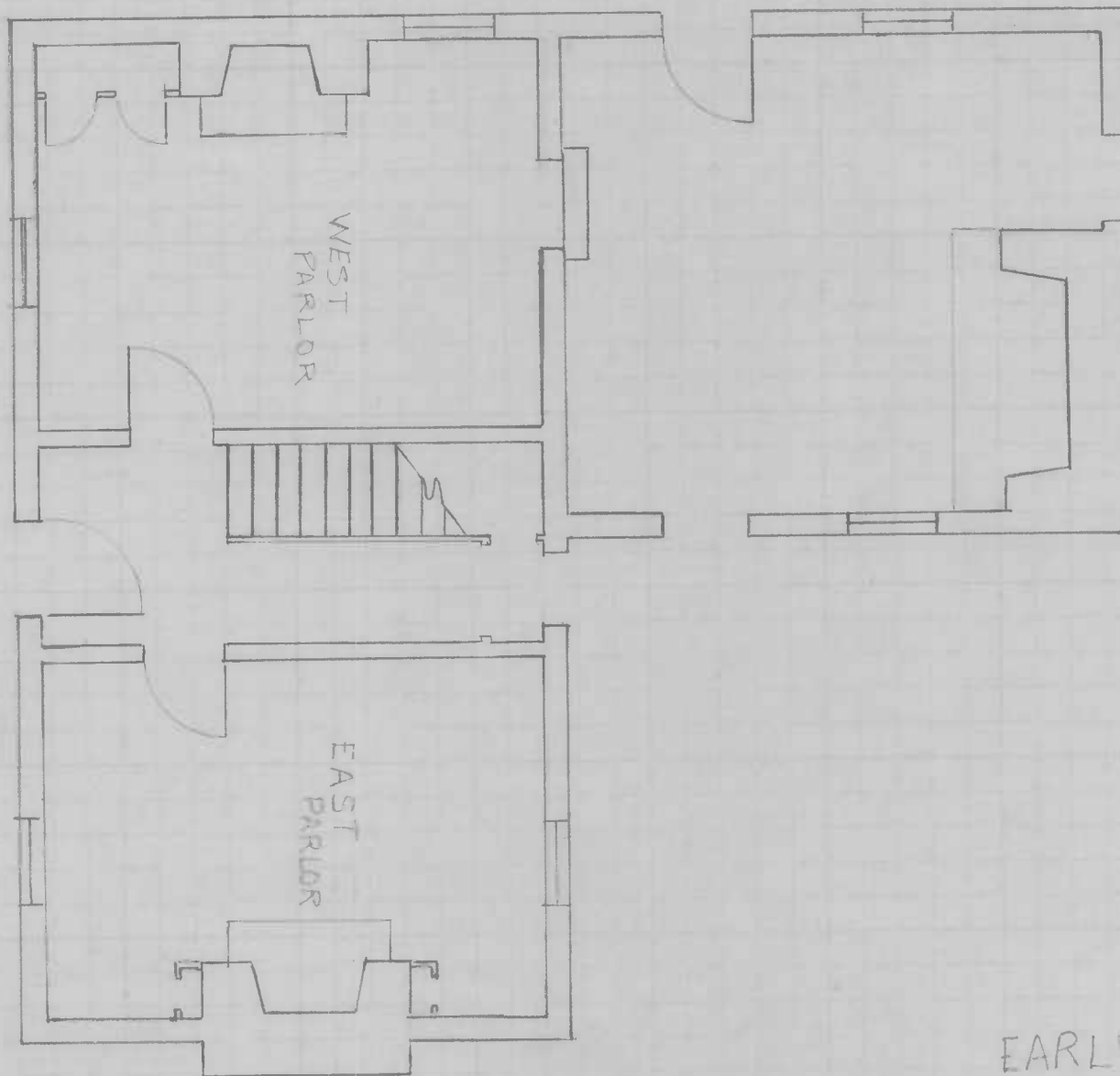
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33' 10"



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$\frac{3}{16}'' = 1'$

15' 4"

EARLY 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY SECTION





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SOUTH ELEVATION

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NR CALVERT, MD.

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WEST BED ROOM MANTEL

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EAST PARLOR MANTEL

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EAST ELEVATION OF 76' ADDITION

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